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SUBJECT: VISIT BY AMABASSADOR KELLOGG TO JORDAN ON UNRWA
MATTERS

1. AMBASSADOR FRANK KELLOGG, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO
SECRETARY FOR REFUGEE AND MIGRATION AFFAIRS. CALLED
ON JORDANIAN MINISTER OF RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
DR. SUBHI AMIN AMER MARCH 4 TO INFORM GOJ OF SPECIAL
\$10 MILLION USG CONTRIBUTION TO UNWRA WHICH AMBASSADOR
KELLOGG HAD PRESENTED TO UNRWA HIGH
COMMISSIONER RENNIE ON PREVIOUS DAY IN BEIRUT.

2. AMBASSADOR KELLOGG EXPLAINED THAT U.S. CONGRESS
HAD TAKEN THE INITIATIVE OF PROVIDING ADMINISTRATION
WITH SPECIAL \$10 MILLION APPROPRIATION IN ORDER TO
BE RESPONSIVE TO NEEDS OF PALESTINIAN REFUGEES.
AMBASSADOR KELLOGG ALSO REVIEWED THE ROLE OF
OFFICE OF REFUGEES AND MIGRATION AFFAIRS IN
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CONNECTION WITH THIS SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND

OUTLINED CONTENTS OF LETTER TO HIGH COMMISSIONER
RENNIE.

3. DR. AMER EXPRESSED PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR
GOJ GOJ FOR SPECIAL \$10 MILLION GRANT TO UNWRA AND INDICATED
THEIR DEEP CONCERN OVER THE \$46 MILLION PROJECTED
DEFICIT FOR UNWRA IN 1975. AMBASSADOR KELLOGG EXPRESSED
USG HOP THAT \$10 MILLION GIFT WOULD ENCOURAGE OTHER
NATIONS TO INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTION IN ORDER TO
COVER THE DEFICIT.

4. DR. AMER MADE FOLLOWING REPLY TO REQUEST FOR HIS
ASSESSMENT OF CONSEQUENCES IF UNWRA BUDGET NOT COVERED.
HE STATED THAT HE FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT IT WOULD DEAL
A SEVERE BLOW TO SEARCH FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST.
REFUGEES HAVE COME TO DEPEND ON MAINTAINING CURENT
STANDARDS OF UNWRA WELFARE AND SERVICES AND ANY
CUTBACK WOULD HAVE PROFOUND PSYCHOLOGICAL AS WELL
AS MATERIAL REPERCUSSIONS. HE MENTIONED DELICATE AND THAT
CUTBACK IN SERVICES COULD GIVE OPPORTUNITY TO
HOSTILE FEDAYEEN ELEMENTS TO INCITE CAMP DWELLERS
IN WAYS THAT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DESTRUCTIVE OF CURRENT
TRANQUIL SITUATION AND OF EFFORTS
TO FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM.

5. DURING DISCUSSIONS, DR. AMER EMPHASIZED CERTAIN
UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT SITUATION
REGARDING REFUGEES. HE SAID GOJ IS ONLY ARAB GOVERNMENT
PROVIDING CITIZENSHIP FOR REFUGEES AND THAT THEY ENJOY
EQUAL RIGHTS TO ALL JORDANIANS. HE ALSO POINTED TO
SPECIAL BURDEN (\$22 MILLION ANNUALLY) BORNE BY GOJ
FOR SUPPORT OF 1067 REFUGEES (DISPLACED PERSONS) WHICH
UNWRA FINANCIALLY UNABLE TO SUPPORT. DR AMER EXPRESSED
SATISFACTION WITH WORK BEING DONE BY UNWRA AND REITERATED
GOJ'S DEEP CONCERN THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CONTINUE
FULL SUPPORT.

6. IN SEPERATE MEETING-BRIEFING, UNWRA DIRECTOR JOHN
TANNER GAVE AMBASSADOR KELLOGG COMPREHENSIVE RUNDOWN
ON UNWRA OPERATIONS IN JORDAN. AMBASSADOR KELLOGG
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SCHEDULED TO VISIT MAJOR UNWRA CAMPS AND EDUCATIONAL
FACILITIES IN JORDAN DURING FOLLOWING TWO DAYS ON
VISIT CONDUCTED JOI TLY BY JORDANINA GOVERNMENT AND UNWRA.

7. COMMENT: JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT AND UNWRA
ARE IMMENSELY PLEASED AND RELIEVED BY PRESENTATION
OF ADDITIONAL USG \$10 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO UNWRA

WHILE JORDAN IS NOT IN POSITION ACTIVELY TO SOLICIT
ADDITIONAL FUNDS ON ITS OWN BEHALF FROM ITS OIL-RICH
BENEFACTORS, WE BELEIVE WE WOULD HAVE THEIR FULL
SUPPORT IN ANY EFFORTS WE AND UNWRA CAN MAKE TO
STIMULATE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO FOLLOW OUR EXAMPLE
IN COVERINGSERIOUS UNWRA PROJECTED DEFICIT.
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